

Washington DC

April 20 1889

Mrs J. C. Booth
Hampden Pa

Dear Madam

Your letter came
during my absence from
the City for the last ten days
hence the delay in answering
I was under the impression
I had written you fully
immediately after the adjourn-
ment of Congress. I am
very & very to say that notwith-
standing all my efforts
I was unable to get the bill
through to return to you

husbands estate the value
of the Slater bars which he
was so unjustly called upon
by the Directors of the Fund to
make good. It seems impossible
to get private bills considered
by the last House of Represent-
atives. No bills of this kind
except for pensions seem to
have any chance. In fact nearly
every private bill day was
devoted to other measures,
than to those for the relief of
persons having just claims
against the government.

It is to be hoped that the next
Congress as there is no Recon-
structional election on hand devote
more time to the consideration

of just and honest claims against
the government. The only thing
that can be done now is to wait
until Congress meets again and
have the bill introduced promptly
and try to get it through. I never
~~made~~ made any greater effort than
in trying to get this bill through
at the last session and if you
are still willing to leave the
matter in my hands I will
do all in my power to try and
get the bill through without one
dollar expense to you. Because
Mr Booth was my friend and
for the further reason I was
simply and outrage to require
him to pay this money. Of the
\$35 you sent me. I spent \$18.46
for Copying and printing

leaving \$16.60 in my hands.
and subject to your order.

I will endorse you, as soon
as I can get at them (My house
being all up and down with Painters &c)
copies of the statement I had prepared
and printed I would be glad
to know are willing to leave this
matter in my hands or I will.

Cherfully place at the disposal
of any one you may engage to take
charge of it all the information I have
and to aid them in every way in my
power to get the bill passed by Congress.

Very Truly

R. E. Preston

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